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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/076,215	Applicant(s) GOERTZEN, KENBE D.	
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– The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address –
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 31 May 2002 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to because all diagrammatic blocks and features in Figures 2, 7A, 8, and 10 are required to be distinctly labeled to indicate contents or function with legends (37 C.F.R. 1.83(a), 1.84(o)) since they are necessary for understanding of the drawing. Correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

4. Claim 19 recites the limitation "the compression units" in line 7. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

5. Claim 19 recites the limitation "the components" in line 9. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

6. Claim 19 recites the limitation "the compressed component part" in lines 11-12. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 1-4 and 7-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sirohey et al (2002/0057844).

Sirohey et al, in Figures 1-26, discloses the same scalable motion image compression system for a digital motion image signal wherein the digital motion image signal has an associated transmission rate as specified in claims 1-4 and 7-19 of the present invention, the system comprising a decomposition module 10 of receiving the digital motion image signal at the transmission rate, decomposing the digital motion image signal into component parts and sending the components at the transmission rate; and a compression module 20 of receiving each of the component parts from the decomposition module, compressing the component part, and sending the compressed component part to a memory location (e.g. 18).

With respect to claims 2-4 and 7-19, Sirohey et al also discloses one or more decomposition, compression units, and decomposition units operating in parallel (Fig. 15); and performing color temporal and spatial decomposition, subband and wavelet coding (Figs. 14-26).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

9. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and

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the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

10. Claims 5 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sirohey et al.


Although Sirohey et al discloses a reprogrammable module for various array of data, it is noted Sirohey et al differs from the present invention in that it fails to particularly disclose a field programmable gate array as specified in claims 5 and 6. However, Examiner takes Official Notice that such device is notoriously well known in the art. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, having the reference of Sirohey et al before him/her, to exploit common array structures in the compute engine of Sirohey et al in order to efficiently perform operations on large amounts of data with a regular structure.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Y. Lee whose telephone number is (571) 272-7334. The examiner can normally be reached on (571) 272-7334.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Groody can be reached on (571) 272-7950. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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